

## House Resolution No. 3709

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities and neighborhoods which have proven down through the years to be wonderful places in which to live and to raise families; and

**Whereas**, the town of Nevada, Missouri, was founded in 1855 as Nevada City to serve as the centrally located seat of government for the newly formed Vernon County; and

**Whereas**, with an estimated population of 400 men, women, and children by 1860, Nevada City followed the fate of its neighbors, Butler and Osceola, when Federal troops burned the city to the ground on May 26, 1863; and

**Whereas**, the end of the Civil War allowed the return of the town's population, and by early 1867 businesses were in operation, goods were carried by wagon from the Kansas City area, and people were beginning to think about building a brick courthouse to replace the original wooden structure; and

**Whereas**, on March 3, 1869, the town was incorporated and "City" was dropped from its official name as many newcomers arrived in town to claim some of the 6,000 acres of Vernon County advertised for sale at \$2.00 an acre; and

**Whereas**, the railroad, zinc smelting, a natural gas line, and a mineral water spring all contributed to the vitality of the reborn community which was home to the beginnings of Cottey College, a state mental hospital, the Waltmer Institute of Magnetic Healing, and an elegant opera house; and

**Whereas**, Nevada continued to develop as the nineteenth century turned into the twentieth and the twentieth century itself became the twenty-first; and

**Whereas**, after the Bushwacker Museum was established in 1964 to commemorate the early history of Nevada, Bushwacker Days followed quickly to provide a highly popular venue for community involvement by all of the area's residents and businesses with the latest edition to be held from June 15 to June 19, 2005:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, ongoing history of the town of Nevada and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the founding of their hometown; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during Bushwacker Days in Nevada, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Barney Fisher  
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3709, adopted June 13, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker